SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-97145; File No. SR-NYSEARCA-2023-06)

March 15, 2023

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change to Amend Rule 7.44-E Relating to the Retail Liquidity Program

On January 10, 2023, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to amend the Exchange's Retail Liquidity Program (the "Program").<sup>3</sup> The proposed rule change was published for comment in the <u>Federal Register</u> on January 30, 2023.<sup>4</sup> The Commission has received no comments on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act<sup>5</sup> provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C.78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

The Program was established on a pilot basis in 2013 and was approved by the Commission to operate on a permanent basis in 2019. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87350 (October 18, 2019), 84 FR 57106 (October 24, 2019) (SR-NYSEArca-2019-63). In connection with the Commission's approval of the Program on a pilot basis, the Commission granted the Exchange's request for exemptive relief from Rule 612 of Regulation NMS, 17 CFR 242.612, which, among other things, prohibits a national securities exchange from accepting or ranking orders priced greater than \$1.00 per share in an increment smaller than \$0.01. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71176 (December 23, 2013), 78 FR 79524 (December 30, 2013) (SR-NYSEArca-2013-107).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96741 (Jan. 24, 2023), 88 FR 5948.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is March 16, 2023. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> designates April 28, 2023 as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NYSEARCA-2023-06).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

Sherry R. Haywood, Assistant Secretary.

<sup>6 &</sup>lt;u>Id.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).